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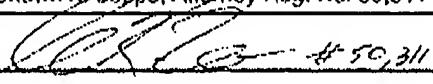
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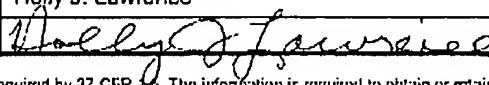
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This Response is filed in response to the Office Action dated September 9, 2005.

**The Amendments to the Specification:** None.

**The Amendments to the Claims** section begins on page 2 of this Response and any amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of the claims included therein.

**The Amendments to the Drawings:** None.

**The Remarks/Arguments** section begins on page 7 of this Response.

**The Conclusion** section begins on page 14 of this Response.